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SUBJECT: AL-HAQ CHALLENGES GOB ON LAND ACCESS

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Classified By: DCM Christopher Henzel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d). 1. (SBU) Summary: The Shi'a village of Al Malikiya, site of an August confr  
[1](#)2. (SBU) On October 14 and 15, activists of the Al-Haq Movement, which advocates extra-parliamentary efforts to address Shi'a grievances, atte  
[1](#)3. (SBU) Land reform is a key demand of Bahrain's Shi'a, and both Wifaq and Haq are pressing the regime to open up more real estate for the St  
[1](#)4. (C) Comment: The incident in Al-Malikiya is an extension of Al-Haq's focus on the issue of land rights and the ruling family's preferential  
[1](#)5. (C) Comment continued: Al-Haq uses tactics such as these to challenge Al-Wifaq for the hearts and minds of the Shi'a community. By daring  
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